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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Michael Tovey

Application No. 08/853,292

: Group Art Unit: 1646

Filed: May 9, 1997

: Examiner: Fitzgerald, D.L.

For: Stimulation of Host Defense Mechanisms Against Viral Challenges

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Preliminary Amendment

Please amend the above identified application, before examination, as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claim 6.

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A method for stimulating systemic host defense mechanisms in a mammal, which method comprises administering to the mammal a therapeutically effective amount of an interferon via oromucosal contact, said amount being from about [21.4] ^{21.4 IU/Kg/day} ~~71.4 IU/Kg~~ to about 2.9×10^4 ^{IU/Kg/day} ~~IU/Kg~~, where said amount is less than an amount which induces a pathological response in the mammal when administered parenterally.

In Claim 2, line 1; replace "treating an" with --treating a systemic--.

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